

REMARKS

While Applicant has elected the group I for prosecution, this election should not be construed as an admission in, or acquiescence of, the Examiner's specific classification in the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003.

AUTHORIZATION

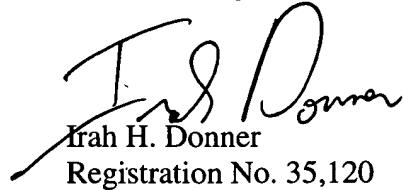
No additional fees are believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219

In the event that an Extension of Time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an Extension of Time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that Extension of Time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an Extension of Time or credit any overpayment for an Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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